

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 – 62 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 63 – 96 indicated below.

1. - 62. (Canceled)

63. (New) A calendar-based asset organizer, implemented by instructions of a computer program stored on a computer readable storage medium, the medium comprising:

instructions for a digital asset manager, for receiving a search query for digital assets, and for returning a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the query, wherein each asset in the result set has a date associated therewith; and

instructions for a user interface, communicatively coupled with the digital asset manager, (i) for issuing the search query to the digital asset manager, (ii) for receiving the result set of the search query from the digital asset manager, and (iii) for presenting a calendar view of the result set, the calendar view being either (a) a year view for displaying at least one year and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates within each year from the displayed years, or (b) a month view for displaying at least one month and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates within each month from the displayed months, or (c) a day view for displaying at least one day and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates within each day from the displayed days.

64. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the date associated with an asset is a date stored by an asset capture device within a file header of a file containing the asset.

65. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 64, wherein the assets are digital images, and wherein the file header is an Exchangeable Image File (EXIF) header.

66. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the date associated with an asset is a file system date for a file containing the asset.

67. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 66, wherein the file system date is a file's last modified date.

68. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the date associated with an asset is a date entered manually by a user.

69. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital asset manager is a relational database manager.

70. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital asset manager uses a tree data structure for managing the assets.

71. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital asset manager uses a linked list data structure for managing the assets.

72. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital asset manager for assets uses a dynamic array data structure for managing digital assets.

73. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, further comprising instructions for the user interface, for displaying thumbnail representations of the assets in the result set that have associate dates within (a) a selected year from the displayed years, or (b) a selected month from the displayed months, or (c) a selected day from the displayed days, as appropriate.

74. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 73, wherein the digital asset manager returns binary data for the thumbnail representations of the assets in the result set.

75. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 73, wherein the digital asset manager returns pointers to binary data for the thumbnail representations of the assets in the result set.

76. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the assets are digital images.

77. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the assets are digital slide presentations.

78. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based digital asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the assets are digital image collections, and wherein the date associated with a digital image collection is the earliest of the dates associated with the individual images in the collection.

79. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based digital asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital assets are digital animations.

80. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based digital asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital assets are electronic documents.

81. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based digital asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the digital assets are e-mail communications.

82. (New) A method for organizing assets, comprising:  
issuing a search query for digital assets;  
receiving a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the search query, wherein each asset in the result set has a date associated therewith; and  
presenting a calendar view of the result set, the calendar view being either (a) a year view for displaying at least one year and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates within each year from the displayed years, or (b) a month view for displaying at least one month and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates within each month from the displayed months, or (c) a day view for displaying at least one day and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates within each day from the displayed days.

83. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein the date associated with an asset is a date stored by an asset capture device within a file header of a file containing the asset.

84. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein the assets are digital images, and wherein the file header is an Exchangeable Image File (EXIF) header.

85. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein the date associated with an asset is a file system date for a file containing the asset.

86. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein the file system date is a file's last modified date.

87. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein the date associated with an asset is a date entered manually by a user.

88. (New) The method of claim 82, further comprising displaying thumbnail representations of the assets in the result set that have associate dates within (a) a selected year from the displayed years, or (b) a selected month from the displayed months, or (c) a selected day from the displayed days, as appropriate.

89. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein said receiving a result set comprises receiving binary data for the thumbnail representations of the assets in the result set.

90. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein said receiving a result set comprises receiving pointers to binary data for the thumbnail representations of the assets in the result set.

91. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein the assets are digital images.

92. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein the assets are digital slide presentations.

93. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein the assets are digital image collections, and wherein the date associated with a digital image collection is the earliest of the dates associated with the individual images in the collection.

94. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein the digital assets are digital animations.

95. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein the digital assets re electronic documents.

96. (New) The method of claim 82 wherein the digital assets are e-mail communications.